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SUBJECT: ARAB MARITIME TRANSPORT ACADEMY

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1. CONSUL GENERAL MET FEBRUARY 6 WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ARAB MARITIME TRANSPORT ACADEMY AND DISCUSSED FUTURE PLANS OF THIS TRAINING INSTITUTE, INCLUDING ROLE OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS (REFTEL). COMMODORE SADEK SAID SEVERAL CONSULTING FIRMS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT OUTLINE OF SERVICES OFFERED, PROJECT PROPOSALS AND CONSULTING COSTS INVOLVED.

2. ACADEMY IS AN ARAB LEAGUE ORGANIZATION SPONSORED BY FIFTEEN MEMBER STATES. ACADEMY IS ORGANIZED AS FIVE SEPARATE INSTITUTES: (A) OFFICER TRAINING IN THREE CATEGORIES - DECK, ENGINEERING AND RADIO; (B) UPGRADING PROGRAM FOR SERVING OFFICERS (C) SEAMEN'S SCHOOL; (D) COMMERCIAL SCHOOL; AND (E) RESEARCH AND CONSULTATION CENTER.

3. ORIGINALLY SPONSORED BY ONLY FIVE ARAB COUNTRIES, HEIGHTENED INTEREST HAS PUSHED ENROLLMENT DEMAND WELL BEYOND PLANNED CAPACITY OF 150 CADETS ENTERING ANNUALLY. REVISED PLANNING NOW CONTEMPLATES 350 ENTRANTS PER YEAR AND SPONSORS ARE URGING ACCEPTANCE OF 400, WHICH COMMODORE SADEK IS RESISTING (HE UNCLASSIFIED

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IS DEPUTY FOR PLANNING AND EDUCATION - OTHER DEPUTIES HANDLE

ADMINISTRATION AND RESEARCH CENTER). INTAKE OF ABOUT 200 STUDENTS PER YEAR ENVISAGED FOR OTHER THREE TEACHING FACULTIES.

4. UNITED NATIONS IS PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT AND IS PLANNING CURRICULUM AND SYLLABI. PRESENT CALL FOR CONSULTANTS IS IN OVERALL MANAGEMENT AREA OF ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY AND PHYSICAL PLANT, SEEKING TO PROVIDE MOST MODERN IDEAS FOR ACADEMY'S OPERATIONS.

5. SADEK HIMSELF SPENT LAST OCTOBER IN US VISITING KING'S POINT, SUNY MARITIME ACADEMY, PINEY POINT AND OTHERS AND APPEARS MOST IMPRESSED WITH AMERICAN TECHNIQUES AND FACILITIES FOR MARITIME TRANSPORT EDUCATION.

6. WHILE HE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT FINANCING CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION NOW ENVISAGED, SADEK BELIEVES STONGLY THAT FORTHRIGHT AND SENSIBLE MANAGEMENT AND GROWTH PROGRAM PROPOSED BY HIGHLY REPUTED CONSULTING FIRM WILL PRY LOOSE THE ADDITIONAL PETRODOLLARS HE SEEKS. SIGNED CHASE
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